

REMARKS

The present amendment and remarks are in response to the non-final office action entered in the above-identified case and mailed on March 24, 2004. Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 12-19 are allowable. Claims 9-11 were objected to based on being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nuyen et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,593,917. Additionally, claims 3-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Suyen in combination with Sugino et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,656,819). Applicants have canceled claims 1-11. Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

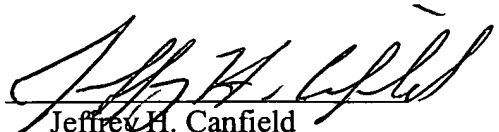
Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner allow the claims move the application to issue. However, if there are any remaining issues the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicants' attorney, Jeffrey H. Canfield at (312) 807-4233 in order to facilitate a speedy disposition of the present case.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this response they may be charged to deposit account no. 02-1818.

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